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HOME ITEMS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

THEATRICAL.—Mr. McKenzie's benefit last night was a success in attendance and in playing. The "Huguenot Captain" is a stirring, exciting piece, full of dangers and escapes, in which Rene De Pardillan, the Huguenot Captain, Annibal Locust, a drunken sergeant, the Duchess Jeanne, Gabrielle her niece, Ismael a Bohemian, and his band, are the principal characters. Mr. McKenzie played with much vigor, and the characters intrusted to Messrs. Margetts, Lindsay, Hardie, Graham, Miss Adams, Miss Colebrook and Miss Alexander, were admirably rendered. Mr. Margetts' Locust kept the house in boisterous laughter. The ex-cruciating love scene between Pardillan and Gabrielle, in the last act, reminded us strongly of Artemus Ward's sensational and affecting story, of the "Mormon Bishop" and his twenty-four wives at a performance of the Lady of Lyons. When the Bishop—so Artemus said—saw Melnotte snivelling about Pauline, he arose indignant, and preceding the long line of his feminine partners, marched out of the Theatre, muttering that he "wasn't going to sit there and see a man make such a cussed fool of himself over one woman!" Such rhapsodies might be "cut" considerably without injury to the effect of the piece, and with advantage in its effects. The costumes and appointments in the play were equal to anything we have seen; the dancing of the young ladies, Misses Alexander, Clive, Louise and Susie, was very good; the scenery was excellent; and the repeated applause throughout testified the approbation of the audience.

The play was followed by Miss Nunn in a character song, which was encored. Then Mr. McKenzie gave a recitation, and tendered his thanks to the public. The farce of "Nature and Philosophy" followed, and was well played by Messrs McKenzie and Lindsay, Miss Adams, Miss Alexander and Mrs. Henrie.

To-morrow night the beautiful comedy of "Extremes" will be presented. This is one of the finest comedies in the language, and our company plays it in most excellent style. The full strength of the company appears in it. A very laughable farce "The Two Polts" will follow. Miss Nunn singing a character song between.

SEND IT ON.—The Idaho Statesman says: "Mr. Ramey and Mr. Welch, brother of the man murdered near Malad station three weeks ago, returned to this city last night with the body of the murdered man, en route for Oregon City, the home of the family. Very little clue was obtained by the men concerning the highwaymen, but it is believed they are in Utah Territory."

We have officers in this Territory who are of acknowledged capability. Send on the reasons why those highwaymen are believed to be in this Territory, and let them be hunted out if they are here, that justice may take its course.

INFORMATION WANTED.—There is a letter in this Office, from JOHN SMITH, of Bannock Chase, near Walsall, Staffordshire, England, making inquiries concerning JOSEPH WARD and wife, and WILLIAM WARDLE, and containing information which they might wish to have. When the writer last heard from them, they were living at West Jordan.

CAN APPRECIATE.—The following paragraph from the Cleveland Herald shows that the writer can appreciate good, sensible advice. His comments are sound:

"Brigham Young, in one of his late sermons to Mormon disciples, said 'work less, wear less, eat less, and we shall be a great deal wiser, healthier and wealthier people than by taking the course we now do.'

Who can say that is not good advice? We labor until nature is exhausted to indulge our appetites for dress and food, and then we finish up the wreck that is left by suicide at the hands of the dressmaker or the cook."

STILL AT IT.—The Denver papers are jubilating over a prospective dish of extra raciness on "Mormonism" served up by that "Rev." and "fearless" mortal who surged around here for some time creating men of straw, and growing recklessly valiant over the dangers to which he was exposed from them. Poor Denver will be sold cheaper than it ever was before, if it accepts McLeod's Munchausenisms for sober facts. "Brigham Young and Hepworth Dixon" are threatened by this doughty prototype of Locksley's shaven follower. Won't they suffer badly! Not satisfied with using up "Mormonism," he means to drive the Athenaeum Editor under. Wretched Hepworth! You will be annihilated! The hero of a hundred bot—battles,

"In which no deadly wounds were given, Though brawny men to earth were hurled," is after you, and you may consider yourself "wiped out" already.

We would recommend the Denver Editors to indulge in a heavy course of reading, say Munchausen, Arabian Nights Entertainments, Gulliver's Travels, and a few of the yellow-backed novelettes; and then they will be in a frame of mind to do justice to the lucubrations of the "reverend" who "sloshed" around here until he became well known; and has been "sloshed" around places east since, taking a mendacious fancy to the utmost to "raise the wind," with "Mormonism" as a subject.

A COMPLAINT.—We have heard complaints made that the doors of the Theatre are not opened at the time mentioned on the bills, and patrons of that very popular place do not like having to stand outside, in these cold nights, with their ladies, waiting for admission after the time specified for opening has elapsed. Last night it was said to be about half an hour beyond the proper time before those holding tickets for the parquette could get in. The house is every way comfortable inside, well warmed, and

made all that could be desired, and offers every encouragement to its patrons to get in; but having to wait outside is unpleasant, especially for the ladies. If the fault lies with the door keepers and ushers, as we suspect it does, let us hope that these gentlemen will add to their great popularity with the public, by being earlier at their posts in future, and opening the doors at the time specified on the bills.

STORM IN THE SIERRAS.—"L.L." in the San Francisco Times of the 18th inst., gives a somewhat chilling account of the experience of himself and fellow-travelers on their journey from Cisco over the Sierras to Virginia City. The passengers, twenty-eight in all, including seven ladies and six small children, left Cisco in open sleighs on the morning of the 22nd December. At the time of their departure there was a drenching rain falling, a strong wind blowing, and four feet of snow under foot. They got within two miles of Jones's Station, the latter only five miles from Cisco, when their animals, completely exhausted, gave out and lay down in the deep wet snow. Their only alternative now was to walk to the station or perish. After a great amount of toil and suffering especially on the part of the women and children, they reached shelter where they were compelled to lay up for two days on account of the severity of the storm. On the third day they again set out, but through the terrible condition of the roads they made only two miles in eight hours and were again compelled to foot it to obtain shelter. From that time until the evening of the 4th inst., when they reached Virginia City, they traveled on from three to seven miles a day, walking most of the way, drenched to the skin and enduring almost inconceivable toil and suffering.

The storm is described as one of the most fearful ever experienced, and "L.L." advises all who have wives and babies never to think of crossing the Sierras in the latter part of December.

ACKNOWLEDGED.—The communication of Br. J.M. Pierce, of Springville, is acknowledged with thanks, but it would be inopportune to refer further at present to the subject on which he treats.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

THE JUDICIARY.—By the telegrams we notice that the office of Chief Justice of Utah, vacant by the expiration of the term of Judge Titus; and the office of Associate Justice, vacant by the expiration of Judge McCurdy's term, have been filled by the appointment of the President. Judge McCurdy has been elevated to the chief seat in the Supreme Court, and Enos D. Hoge, of this city, is appointed Associate Justice. These appointments are not yet confirmed by the Senate, and may not be, though we see of no reason why they should not. Still they show plainly that we will have a change in the Federal Judiciary of this Territory. We congratulate Mr. Hoge on his appointment; and, if confirmed, we will congratulate our citizens also, believing from his past course here that he will be an exemplary, faithful and upright officer.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 25th.

EDITOR DESERET EVENING NEWS:

Dear Sir.—On reading last evening's issue of your valiant exponent of truth, the public may fairly infer, that to the doorkeepers and ushers of the Parquette, they may attribute their cold feet, fits of violent coughing, and all other discomforts, in consequence of their lack of punctuality.

Tickets printed on dirty dark-blue cardboard, which doorkeepers could not read without a new arrangement of light; oiling door hinges, to avoid music from at least one end of the house, and patching holes in the lobby canvass to keep out gusts of wind, which numerous patrons of the Theatre had complained of, were a few of the duties devolving on the aforesaid doorkeepers and ushers on their arrival at the Theatre, and were the real causes of delay in opening the door at the proper time, on the particular evening complained of.

Hoping the public will forgive us this time, we are, dear sir, yours truly,

DOORKEEPERS & USHERS.

AMERICAN FORK GAZETTE.—We have had laid before us No. 5, Vol. 1, of a script journal, with the above title, R. G. Eccles, editor, which for matter and style does credit to the editor and the thriving settlement of American Fork. There are in it several original articles, correspondence, gleanings, local items, theatricals, etc. The arrangement is very good, and the matter is written in a spirited and lively style.

LECTURES.—The 10th Ward have a series of lectures, of an interesting and instructing character, delivered on Wednesday evenings. Next Wednesday evening Elder William Griffin will lecture on "Modern Spiritualism;" and Elder James Ashman will deliver a second lecture on "Phrenology." This is worthy of emulation in other Wards that lie at a distance from the centre of the city.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

THEATRICAL.—On Saturday night there was very excellent playing to a rather slim house. We have never seen "Extremes" better rendered, every person being so natural and competent in the character represented. On Mr. Graham, Mr. Margetts and Mrs. Clawson the broader portion of the mirth of the comedy rested, and the laughter, loud and frequent, which greeted their efforts, attested how successful they were. Mr. Graham as Robin, and

Mrs. Clawson as Mrs. Wildbrier, merit the highest encomiums. Mr. McKenzie's Frank was, we think, an improvement upon his former impersonation of the part, fine though that was. Miss Adams, as Lucy, was extremely good. Mr. Dunbar's Playfair is a character which would do credit to John Brougham. Messrs. Lindsay, Hardie, Thompson and Maiben, Miss Alexander, Miss Bowring, Miss Le Compt and Miss Platt did justice to the parts intrusted to them. Miss Nunn sang a character song, with much dash, was encored and gave another.

In the "Two Polts" Messrs. Margetts and Bowring kept the house in capital humor. The farce went well. Miss Platt is a painstaking and reliable young lady, who, though not dazzling the public, is growing rapidly in usefulness and public favor.

To-morrow night the fine two act drama of "Time Tries All" will be performed. This drama can be as well played here as in any place we ever saw it, and Mr. Teasdale is one of the best Yawns on the stage. It will be followed by the bewildering, dazzling, spectacular, romantic drama, for the first time in two years, "The Forty Thieves," with its beautiful scenery, fine mechanical effects, gorgeous costumes, delightful little fairies, frightful demons, singing, dancing, oriental thieves, and lots of attractions that would take half a column to relate.

MANTI.—From Manti we learn, by Bishop Andrew J. Moffitt, who arrived in the city yesterday, that the people there manifest a strong spirit of improvement, and having been prevented, by Indians, from accomplishing much that they wished to do during the summer, they are now engaged in the mountains getting out timber, poles, etc., to repair, fence, and improve; and in the quarry getting out rock to build with when favorable weather will permit. The weather is too severe for the savages to hang around in ambush, and so the settlers brave its inclemency to keep pace with the spirit of improvement of the age.

FROM THE EAST.—By letter from Elder John Brown, dated 14th inst., we learn that then he was at Du Quoin, Illinois, and in good health, though he had suffered some from a sudden change of climate, having moved 400 miles due north, from Mississippi, in twenty-six hours. The brethren in their labors east are enjoying considerable success, under the blessing of God. Elder W. N. Dusenberry is still in Mississippi; and the elders, so far as he had heard from them were well. He further says:—

"The weather has been remarkably fine for this latitude; more so than was ever known by that noted personage, 'the oldest inhabitant.' It has been like spring till the 6th inst.; since then, until the present we have had winter. Provisions are plenty in this part of the country. The health of the people is good, and peace prevails. The race after 'the almighty dollar' is not ended yet, but is run with as much zeal as it was twenty years ago; but the respect for honest difference of opinion in politics seems to be wanting compared with what it was then, animosity and hatred more or less having taken its place."

In a postscript he adds, that four of his letters have lately reached him broken open, he obtaining a second hand reading of them. There is great blame somewhere when such things occur.

SHOT.—On Saturday evening James Dwyer a teacher of athletic exercises, and a young man who has appeared in the prize ring north, was shot by a man named Frank Kelly. The facts as we have learned them are, substantially as follows: Dwyer and Kelly rent the Shakespeare Rooms, and business being dull, Kelly concluded to dissolve partnership. He went to get his things on Saturday evening, to move, and while in the act of getting them, some hard words having passed between them, Dwyer knocked him down. Kelly got up and went to the door, where he stood, and it is presumable the altercation continued waxing higher, when it is alleged Dwyer picked up a knife and "went for" Kelly, who jerked out a five shooter, and sent a ball into him a little above the nipple of the right breast, which glanced upwards towards the shoulder. Dr. Anderson was soon in attendance on the wounded man; and Kelly was arrested. At a hearing before Justice Clinton to-day, Judge Snow being present on behalf of the people, Kelly was discharged. Dwyer is badly wounded, but not fatally, it is believed.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Jacob Gates treated on the growth of the Saints in faith and good works, exhorting them to diligence in doing the will of God that an increase of faith and power might be constantly manifest in them.

Bishop A. K. Thurber followed, bearing testimony to the truth, and exhorting the saints to righteousness.

In the afternoon Lorenzo Snow and Ezra T. Benson addressed the congregation. Their remarks were reported.

LEGISLATIVE.

January 23.

Council.—On motion of Councilor Smoot, the Council went into Committee of the Whole, to consider the report of Hosea Stout, Esq., Chairman of the Code of Practice Committee.

Councilor Smoot handed in their report, which was referred.

Councilor Benson presented petition of S. Roskelly and George Barber, of Smithfield, Cache Co., for a charter for a road and toll bridge in Cache Co.; referred.

Mayor Wells expressed the acknowledgments of the City Council for the freedom of the Council tendered them.

Some other matters advanced a stage. **House.**—Mr. Reese presented the petition of James Leithead and 100 others, residents of the settlements of the Muddy, in relation to changing the road from Salt Lake thence, which was read and referred.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of Committee on Pri-

vate Incorporations, to whom was referred the Pleasant Grove Library bill, received from the Council, reported the same back with an amendment.

The Cedar City Library bill reported back with title amended. Amendment accepted.

The Petition of the Mayor, City Council and Aldermen of Cedar City, was reported upon adversely; report concurred in.

The bill changing the name of Great Salt Lake City to Salt Lake City was taken up, and pending its second reading referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

The Deseret City charter was read and referred.

The charter of Green river ferry was taken up on its second reading and reported back to committee for amendment.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m. January 24.

Council.—Met at 10 a.m.

On motion, Secretary Higgins was requested to furnish the Assembly a few copies of the Statutes at large for 1867, and the Legislative Hall a flag-staff during the present session.

The House was requested to associate the House Revision Committee with the Council Committee, to consider the code of practice act.

The joint resolution in relation to Indian affairs was read, amended and sent to the House for concurrence.

Councilor L. Snow presented a substitute for the House Memorial to Congress to establish a Land Office in this Territory; adopted and sent to the House for concurrence.

Communications were received from the Hon. Edwin Higgins, Secretary of Utah, informing the Council that the usual post office privileges were at their disposal, and tendering his thanks for the freedom of the Council.

Adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

House.—Mr. Alred moved that the Committee on Militia be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of offering relief to officers and soldiers wounded, and the heirs of officers and soldiers killed, in the Black Hawk war, in Sanpete Co., in 1866 and '67; also, relief to persons doing service or furnishing supplies, etc., and report at an early day.

A bill for an act on interest and damage, presented by Mr. Reese, was read and referred.

The bill for changing the name of G. S. L. City to Salt Lake City, was reported with amendments; amendments received.

A motion to have \$1000 appropriated for improving the road between Beaver city and Minersville, was laid on the table till the Territorial Road Commissioner's report is before the Assembly.

Lafayette Granger's charter to control ferries and bridges across Ham's and Black's fork, in Green River county, was taken up on its second reading; pending which it was referred back to committee, with instructions to so amend the bill, that the grantee must erect a bridge within one year.

R. H. Porter's grant, for a toll road from Cache Cave to Bear river, in Summit county, was read and referred.

A message was received from the Council, announcing their passage of a vote requesting the House to associate the House Committee on Revision with the like committee of the Council, to take into consideration a code of practice reported by the code commissioner.

Said request of the Council was concurred in.

His Honor, Secretary Edwin Higgins, announced that arrangements had been made with the Postmaster of this city, for the usual postal accommodations of the Assembly.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

Council.—Communications were received, stating that the House concurred in the request that the Council and House Committees on revision be associated to consider a code of practice; also in the joint resolution on Indian spoiliations; and in the Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a land office.

Adjourned till Monday at 10 a.m.

House.—A message was received from the Council and read, announcing their passage of Joint Resolution in relation to Indian Spoiliations; also their adoption of Memorial to Congress for the establishment of a Land Office, the latter being a substitute for the House bill on the same subject.

H. Porter's grant for a toll road on the road from Cache Cave, in Echo Canyon, to Bear River, in Summit County, was taken up and the bill rejected.

Said Resolution in relation to Indian spoiliations was read and concurred in.

Said Memorial to Congress was read and concurred in.

\$50.00 was allowed to H. R. Craney for services rendered the Territory in the collection of Cache Co. Territorial taxes.

House adjourned till Monday at 10 a.m. January 27th.

Council.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

Councilor L. Snow, chairman of committee on roads and bridges, made a report adverse to the petition for an appropriation to build a bridge across the Sevier. Report accepted and committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Councilor E. Snow presented a petition from James Leithead and ninety-nine others, praying for an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars to improve the road between Muddy Valley and Millersville. Read and referred.

Council adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.

House.—Mr. Cluff presented petition of Mayor and City Council of Coalville, in Summit county, with a bill for extension of city boundaries and for other purposes.

Mr. Rockwood, chairman of committee on municipal corporations, to whom was referred the Deseret City charter, reported the same back with amendments.

The Pleasant Grove library charter was passed.

The Cedar City Library and reading room association charter was passed.

An act in relation to interest and damage was read the first time.

An act changing the name of Great Salt Lake City to Salt Lake City, was amended and passed. The title of the bill was amended so as to read "An act changing the names of Great Salt Lake City and County."

House adjourned till 1 p.m. to-morrow.